

Minutes – Egremont Water Meeting 7 April 2022

Meeting – Zoom – Town Hall - 8:30 AM

Participating: P. Lanoue; R. Palmucci; W. Brinker; M. Brazie

General:

Minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

March gallons pumped 2,459,960.

There are only five or six transponders left to be completely up to date.

Fiber Connect checked the existing conduit from the Mount Washington Road to the plant and found it will be able to carry their fiber cabling. We are waiting to hear from them about an installation date.

Past due accounts are reminded of their balances due. Two customers have been sent shutoff notices. We have not heard from the Great Barrington Board of Health regarding a shutoff notice in that town.

Tighe and Bond Engineers have submitted their report on the inspection and review of the system. Several projects were noted and categorized into the capital improvement plan. M. Brazie spoke about the meeting with the Select Board and Finance Committee; there will be an article on the Town Warrant to form a study group regarding infrastructure, governance and ownership of the Water Department. Several options will be developed – directors, an administrative position, and possible sale of the system. There also will be an article on the Town Warrant for borrowing for the main line replacement/upgrade along Main Street. Engineering firms have already been contacted to provide cost estimates. The yearly budget should remain stable for this year and FY 2024.

The FY 2023 budget has been finalized. With expenses for debt service being replaced by a vehicle, the budget will remain basically level-funded.

The Annual Statistical Report has been submitted; the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report is being finalized.

The April billing commitment was signed in the amount of \$20,617.50.

The next meeting will be May 5 or 6.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Brinker